

**Reg. meeting of Bd. of Fire Engineers held Nov. 28, 2005; called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, R. Miner, J. Sousa, N. Blank, J. Ulmschneider, & C. O'Brien. Also in attendance: S. Little, D. Beaulieu, & N. Guertin.**

**Rescue Applicants introduced to Bd. - M. Scherwitz, L. Stravato, R. Dantone. Previous members wishing to return - J. Defreitas & A. Souza.**

**Minutes from previous meeting read. J. Ulmschneider made motion, 2nd by N. Blank, to accept as submitted. Unanimously approved.**

**Correspondence distributed to individual companies.**

**Old Business: > 5 interviewed for rescue liutenants; 4 to be installed. Chief notified them, & requested info be kept confidential until next rescue meeting. Chief, N. Blank, R. Miner, & J. Sousa to attend meeting. Four individuals to meet prior to meeting to determine responsibility allocation.**

**> Hose testing - remaining cards distributed.**

**> New portables in; asst. chiefs to exchange theirs Dec. 12th, 7:00 p.m. Ch. 8 to be designated for sewer co. line.**

**> Asst. Chief Johnson not returning; letter of resignation accepted w/regret. Eff. Jan. 1st all asst. chiefs to move up one number. Chief also to suggest E-1 put Johnson on exempt list.**

**New Business:** > Swansea/Warren Pop Warner Cheerleaders took 2nd place in competition; going to Fla. for nationals. Chief distributed letter requesting donations.

> Temporary LOA department policy distributed.

> Lt. Cavallaro placed P. Nevitt on 10-day suspension for missing rescue duty shift.

> D. Rebocho & P. Karsch involved in shooting BB's at rescue station; issue discussed. Determine Rebocho be on probationary status for 90 days; no duty shifts with Karsch. Karsch, a driver only, to be dropped until EMT license obtained, then will be up for review.

> Extrication class Dec. 3rd, 0900 hrs. @ HQ. Fire extinguisher class to be at same time.

> Updated Emergency Access Box list distributed.

> Jan. 9th, 6:30 p.m. @ HQ - Chief to meet w/asst. chiefs & captains to discuss 3-5 yr. department plan.

> Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade March 11, 2006; new E-1 to go.

> Chief sent Memorandum of Understanding dated 200 to manager's office. This due to incident involving Public Works Dept. workers assisting a fire during normal working hours.

> Chief distributed memo that any dept. firefighter purchasing own gear must bring gear to him to make certain it complies w/NFPA.

> J. Sousa asked about boat ramps in Touisset. Manager sent letter to Harbor Master requesting he contact Chief; Chief not heard yet.

> Chief distributed memo re: no alcoholic beverages in any station.

**Station Reports:** > Sta. 5 PlymoVent System being installed Nov.

**29th. Chief wants everyone reminded to pull away slowly. Trim work needs to be done around windows in back-up dispatch. Chief Gordon wants to see new back-up dispatch center so he can order necessary equipment. Chief Gordon also looking into changing Public Works channel so calls can be recorded.**

**> Chief said remind everyone to close overhead doors after going out; HQ worse offenders.**

**> Sta. 3 wants to have gutters installed on west-side.**

**> Chief wants to put washer/dryer hook-ups in rescue station after Jan. 1st.**

**Training: > MCI Trailer to be here Nov. 30th.**

**> I. Shalom walk-through - Dec. 15th.**

**Other: > J. Ulmschneider asked about fit test. Chief needs to know who needs masks; he can give them those, but fit tests will need to be later. Engs. 5 & 6 wants some extra masks.**

**> Chief needs names of those needing gear/pagers. He will send letters recalling gear from members not actively responding to calls, but will not be dropping them from department.**

**There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, 2nd by R. Miner, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**